

# Croydon Creek Nature Center

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Activities are held at Croydon Creek Nature Center. Registration is required. There are no registration deadlines unless otherwise noted and you may register for programs up until the day of the event.

## Croydon Creek Campfire

Gather around the campfire at Croydon Creek Nature Center for stories, snacks, and more. All participants must register in advance.

### American Indian Stories

Celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month and gather around the campfire to listen to American Indian Stories, make smores, and enjoy the autumn weather. Register by 11/10.

Age: 1+  
23044    Sa    Nov 17    6 pm-7:30 pm    \$3/\$4

## Croydon CREEP Nature Center

Before the Drive-In Movie on the lawn at the Civic Center Park, join us at Croydon Creep Nature Center for an evening of frightful fun! There will be lots of games, hands-on activities, live animal interpretation, and a spooky nature hike. This event is free. All ages welcome-no reservations required.

All Ages  
23082    F    Oct 26    6 pm-8 pm    Free

## Hawk Mountain Trip ♥

Hawk Mountain is located along the Appalachian Flyway in east-central Pennsylvania. During the fall it offers endless viewing opportunities of migrating raptors. Hike some of the 8 miles of trails to see beautiful views of the mountains and impressive birds of prey. Cost includes leadership, entrance fee, and van transportation. Register by 10/6.

Age: 16+  
23038    Sa    Oct 20    8 am-6 pm    \$36/\$45  
Departs: Rockville City Hall

## Leaf Prints

Learn how to identify trees as we hike the trails of the John G. Hayes Forest Preserve. Participants will make a leaf print t-shirt to take home. Bring a plain white t-shirt to decorate. Register by 9/21.

Age: 6-11  
23035    F    Sep 28    1 pm-2:30 pm    \$8/\$10

Fee = Resident/Non-Resident

## Junior Naturalists Club

Interested in exploring the natural world? Then join the Junior Naturalists Club at Croydon Creek! Each month we will investigate new topics and learn the skills to become true naturalists. Participants who complete all 9 courses will earn an official Junior Naturalist t-shirt. Dress for the weather as time will be spent outdoors.

### Natural History 101

True naturalists are keen observers of the environment. Participants will create field journals to record their observations and conduct hands-on experiments to sharpen their scientific skills. Register by 9/30.

Age: 11-14  
23059    W    Oct 10    4 pm-5:30 pm    \$14/\$17

### Ecology

Learn about the interactions of living organisms in the environment through field studies that will give you a closer look at the animals found near the Nature Center. Register by 10/30.

23060    W    Nov 14    4 pm-5:30 pm    \$14/\$17

### Ornithology

Learn to identify common area birds by sight and sound and understand bird behavior, eating habits, and adaptations through field studies. Register by 11/30.

23061    W    Dec 12    4 pm-5:30 pm    \$14/\$17

## Natural Holiday Ornaments

From spicy cinnamon to soothing lavender, discover how to use a variety of herbs and spices to make fragrant holiday ornaments. Participants will make 4 natural ornaments. Register by 11/23. If under age 6 bring an adult to help you.

All Ages  
23037    Sa    Dec 1    2 pm-3 pm    \$12/\$14

## Pumpkin Science

Become a pumpkin scientist by performing hands-on experiments on these fantastic fall fruits. Be ready to get messy! Paint your own pumpkin to take home. Register by 10/12.

Age: 6-11  
23036    F    Oct 19    1 pm-2:30 pm    \$8/\$10

### Scout Badge Days

Naturalists can help you complete all necessary requirements to achieve the following badges. All materials are provided, however badges are not supplied by the Nature Center. Programs take place rain or shine, so please dress for the weather.

#### Webelos Naturalist Badge

Age: 8-10

23040 Sa Oct 6 10 am-12 pm \$12/\$14

#### Webelos Naturalist Badge

Age: 8-10

23041 Sa Oct 6 2 pm-4 pm \$12/\$14

#### Brownie Animal Try-It Badge

Age: 6-8

23042 Sa Nov 3 10 am-12 pm \$12/\$14

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Age: 6-8

23043 Sa Nov 3 2 pm-4 pm \$12/\$14

### Tiny Tot Walks - Adult/Child ♥

#### The Grouchy Ladybug

Discover the story of the Grouchy Ladybug and learn more about ladybug life through fun crafts and activities. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather.

Age: 2-3 1/2

23026 Th Sep 20 10:30 am-11:15 am \$6/\$7

#### Plenty of Pumpkins

Fall is here and that means it is pumpkin time! Learn all about these fascinating fruits and make a fun project to take home. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather.

23027 Th Oct 18 10:30 am-11:15 am \$6/\$7

#### Fall's a Time to Get Ready

Animals are busy preparing for winter. Find out how Croydon Creek's critters get ready for winter through nature crafts and activities. Participants will take a hike outside so dress for the weather.

23028 Th Nov 15 10:30 am-11:15 am \$6/\$7

#### Feathered Friends

Visit the birds that haven't moved south for the winter. Learn more about our fine, feathered friends and make a special project to take home. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather.

23030 Th Dec 13 10:30 am-11:15 am \$6/\$7

### Tyke Hikes ♥

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Age: 3 1/2-6

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23034 Th Dec 13 1 pm-2 pm \$6/\$7

Location: Croydon Creek Ntr. Ctr.

## Longwood Gardens Tour

Saturday, November 3

Explore historic Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. The estate includes over 1,000 acres of horticultural displays, woodlands, and meadows. Cost includes transportation, leadership, and a guided tour. For ages 16 and above. Departure from the Croydon Creek Nature Center at 8 a.m., returning at 6 p.m.

**Register by 10/21 (course #23039)**

**\$42 for residents**

**\$54 nonresidents.**